

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original): A method of dermal protection following contact between the skin and a composition comprising a bipyridylum herbicide which method comprises incorporating an alginate in said composition.
2. (Original): A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridium herbicide is a paraquat salt
3. (Original): A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridylum herbicide is a diquat salt.
4. (Original): A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridium herbicide is a mixture of a paraquat salt and a diquat salt.
5. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the composition is an aqueous concentrate composition containing at least 25 grams per litre of bipyridylum ion.
6. (Original): A method according to claim 5 wherein the composition contains from 50 grams per litre to 250 grams per litre of bipyridylum ion.
7. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the average molecular weight of the alginate is 5,000 to 250,000.
8. (Original): A method according to claim 7 wherein the average molecular weight is from 10,000 to 200,000.
9. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein the 1% Solution Viscosity of the alginate is from 2 to 2000mPas.
10. (Original): A method according to claim 9 wherein the 1% Solution Viscosity of the alginate is from 2 to 1,500 mPas.
11. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the concentration of the alginate in the composition is from 1 to 50 g/l.

12. (Original): A method according to claim 11 wherein the concentration of the alginate in the composition is from 5 to 15 g/l.
13. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the composition contains one or more surfactants.
14. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the composition contains an emetic.
15. (Currently Amended): A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the composition contains a purgative.